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Subject:RE: MED 2022-02-21 #9 - Emergencies Act press release - Josh Okane - Globe and Mail

Take a look a this... for you consideration

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Hi Gentlemen,

More questions on the same topic can be found below.

Please consider clarification of this content a priority to help Media get our message amplified correctly.

Thanks kindly,
Lisa

From: OKane, Josh <JOKane@globeandmail.com>
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Subject: Globe and Mail query re: latest Emergencies Act press release

Hi there, I hope you're well. I'm a Globe reporter hoping someone can please clarify a statement in the latest press release by my 6pm deadline?

Here is the line:

"So far, this effort has culminated in the freezing of 219 financial products; the disclosure of 57 entities; the addresses of 253 Bitcoin shared with virtual currency exchangers; and, the proactive freezing of the account of a payment processor for a value of \$3.8M by a financial institution."

My questions, for fact-checking purposes and not necessarily direct quotation:

-Is it accurate to paraphrase this as freezing 219 bank accounts? Or 219 bank accounts and other financial instruments? It would be prudent to indicate 'financial products or instruments' This could include credit cards, trading accounts, or other types of financial vehicles.

-What does "the disclosure of 57 entities mean?"

An entity would be considered an individual, corporation, trust, partnership, etc that was involved in the illegal activity as highlighted by the EMA.

The EEMO defines an entity or designated person as:

"designated person means any individual or entity that is engaged, directly or indirectly, in an activity prohibited by sections 2 to 5 of the Emergency Measures Regulations.

(personne désignée)

entity includes a corporation, trust, partnership, fund, unincorporated association or organization or foreign state. (entité)"

-Could you please provide more detail on "the proactive freezing of the account of a payment processor for a value of \$3.8M by a financial institution"? Better consult with a financial institution about the definition of a payment processor. However, it is important to highlight that the EEMO imposed obligations to the financial institutions to cease servicing or freeze the account of 'designated persons or entities' that were involved (directly or indirectly) in illegal activity. The Act also allowed Federal and provincial law enforcement to share information that would be relevant to financial institutions to take proper posture or determine whether they had clients that met the criteria of a designated person. As such, the RCMP disclosed information on entities to the banks so they could supplement their internal identification process.

Feel free to call me at **Personal Info.** if you want to discuss.

Josh

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